

1950

ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Jan. 10, 1950

The Athens Regional Library Board met at the library on Tuesday P.M., Jan. 10th at 3:00 P.M.

Members present were: Mr. R.R. Gunn, Chairman, Mrs. John J. Wilkins, Mr. Richard Bloodworth, Mr. Thomas Milner, Mr. W.W. Weir, Mrs. T.H. McHatton, Mrs. J.W. Bailey, Mr. W.H. Ashford (Watkinsville). Also Miss Sarah Maret.

Chairman, Mr. Gunn, Called the meeting to order. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Wilkins. Minutes were approved.

Mr. Gunn stated that the purpose of the meeting was for the board to officially meet the new Library Director, Miss Maret, who assumed directorship of the library on January 1st. He introduced Miss Maret. She responded to the introduction with a short speech in which she expressed the desire that the high standards of library service which had begun, would continue to expand during her administration. She stressed the importance of very close cooperation with the schools, both in Athens and throughout the region.

The Chairman said that the Constitution called for monthly meetings of the board, but that he felt that better attendance might be had if meetings were held quarterly. It was decided to vote on an amendment to the constitution to this effect at the next board meeting. The time for this meeting was set for the 1st Monday in April.

The addition of a new board member for the Athens-Clarke County Board was discussed. Mrs. Frank Dudley's name was presented. It was moved by Mr. Bloodworth and seconded by Mrs. McHatton that Mrs. Dudley's name be presented for approval. Motion was carried unanimously.

The chairman reported that a number of board members' terms had expired. Mr. Milner moved that those members whose terms had expired be reappointed for another period of three years. Motion seconded by Mr. Bloodworth. Motion carried unanimously. The Chairman said he would write a letter to the Mayor giving the names of those for reappointment, and the name of the new board member to be appointed, asking that they be appointed. Those whose terms have expired are Mrs. J.W. Bailey, Mr. Abit Nix, and Mrs. T.H. McHatton.

The chairman brought to the attention of the board a bill for \$33.70 from Tiller's Plumbing Co. for fixing a radiator in the library. Motion was made by Mrs. Wilkins that the library pay this bill. Seconded by Mrs. McHatton. Motion carried.

The director said that she was a member of the Teacher-Retirement plan for Georgia, and that according to the plan it was customary for the organization for which a member worked to contribute 6.83% for the person toward the retirement. This percentage is computed on the amount the local agency paid towards the persons salary. A motion was made by Mrs. Wilkins and seconded by Mr. Milner that the library pay \$8.53, (which was the computed amount) for the year 1950. Motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman reported that Mrs. Stephens had worked two days in January after her term had expired. She had worked with the new director, and it was felt that she should be paid for her services. Mrs. Wilkins moved that she be paid \$20.00 for her services and that a letter of appreciation be written her. Seconded by Mr. Weir. Motion unanimously carried.

The board granted Miss Maret permission to attend the County and Regional Librarian's Conference in Atlanta, Jan. 18-20. It was voted to pay all of her expenses which exceed travel expenses she receives.

The board discussed continuing to improve the library grounds.

It was voted unanimously by the board to pay no library worker over-time pay.

No other business. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah E. Maret

Sarah E. Maret, Secretary

Athens Regional Library, Tuesday morning, February 28th, at a special called meeting of the Library Board it was announced by Chairman Gunn that Mr. Ovid Bird, our Treasurer, is ill and unable to counter-sign the Library checks. Motion was duly made by Mrs. John J. Wilkins, seconded by Mrs. T. H. McHatton, and voted by the Board, that in the absence or incapacity of our Treasurer Mr. Thomas H. Milner, Jr., the Chairman of our Finance Committee, be authorized to sign the checks with the Board Chairman.

Present and voting were: Chairman Gunn, Mrs. John J. Wilkins, Mrs. T. H. McHatton, B. R. Bloodworth, Jr., Abit Nix, W. W. Wier, Mrs. Frank Dudley, and Thos. H. Milner, Jr.

A nominating committee composed of Mrs. Wilkins, Mrs. Dudley and Mr. Wilson was appointed by the chairman. This committee was to submit the names of the officers for election at the next board meeting.

R. R. Gunn, Chairman

✓ Bailey
✓ Williams
✓ Wells
✓ Townes
✓ Woods
✓ Hodgson
✓ Wilson

All were notified of
meeting cancelled

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ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
ATHENS, GA.

February 13, 1950

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met for a called meeting at the library on Monday morning, Feb. 13, 1950 at 11:30 A.M.

The following members were present: Mr. R.R. Gunn, Mrs. John J. Wilkins, Jr. Mrs. Frank Dudley, Mrs. T.H. McHatton, Mr. Richard Bloodworth, Mr. W.W. Wier. Also Miss Sarah Maret.

The Chairman introduced and welcomed the new board member, Mrs. Dudley, who responded with greeting to the board.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Chairman reported that a letter had been written to the Mayor asking for the appointment of one new member to the Board and for the reappointment of three others whose terms had expired. These members had been appointed.

The secretary was instructed to read the inclosed list of Board members with the expiration date of their term of office. Also she read Article III of the Constitution governing the appointment of Library Board Members.

The question of the treasurer's being a part of the board was brought up and the Chairman reported that he would have the lawyers on the Board look into the matter and give their opinion.

The Director reported that the Children's Librarian is resigning the first of March, and that this position would have to be filled. She reported that Miss Mix, Director of the Rural Library Service of Georgia had recommended a suitable person to fill this vacancy. This was Miss Addie Rainwater, who is now Home Demonstration Agent of Dooley County. Miss Rainwater had visited the library on Monday, Feb. 13th with a view to accepting the position. However, a letter was received from her in which she said she felt that she should not leave her chosen field of Home Economics. Another application received by the Director was considered. It was moved by Mrs. McHatton and seconded by Mr. Wier that the choosing of the Children's librarian be left to the Director and Mrs. Wilkins. If no trained librarian could be secured, the committee was to secure the best available person. This motion was carried.

Mrs. Wilkins told of locating carriage lamps for the front of the building. She reported that they were \$140.00 per pair. It was moved by Mrs. McHatton and seconded by Mr. Wier that the lamps be bought. Motion carried.

Mrs. Wier said that she had been appointed to serve on the City Beautification Committee. She asked that the board go ahead and plan for the completion of the sunken garden. The Chairman added Mrs. Dudley to the Committee composed of Mr. Hodgson Chr., Mrs. Wilkins, and Mrs. McHatton to look into the matter thoroughly and do what could be done to the grounds.

The matter of screens for the library was brought up. Mr. Wier as Chairman of the Committee was to consider the matter, advertise for bids and have a report at the next board meeting.

The Director said she had been approached by two staff members for salary increases. It was decided that the matter would be tabled for the present and taken up at a later meeting.

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Dorothy E. Dault
Secretary

At the Athens Regional Library, on Feb 23 at a special called meeting of the Library Board it was announced by Chairman Gunn that Mr. Ovid Bird, our treasurer, is ill and unable to counter-sign the library checks. Motion was duly made by Mrs. John J. Wilkins, seconded by Mrs. T.H. McHatton, and voted by the Board, that in the absence or incapacity of our Treasurer, that Mr. Thomas H. Milner, Jr., the Chairman of our Finance Committee, be authorized to sign the checks with the Board Chairman.

Present and voting were: Chairman Gunn, Mrs. John J. Wilkins, Mrs. T.H. McHatton, B.R. Bloodworth, Jr., Abit Nix, W.W. Wier, Mrs. Frank Dudley, and Thomas H. Milner, Jr.

A nominating committee composed of Mrs. Wilkins, Mrs. Dudley and Mr. Wilson was appointed by the chairman. This committee was to submit the names of the officers for election at the next board meeting.

R.R. Gunn, Chairman

April 3, 1950

The Athens Regional Library Board met at the library on Monday afternoon, April 3rd at 5:00 P.M.

The following members were present: Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Cabiness, Mr. Troutman Wilson, Mrs. Frank Dudley, Mr. Richard Bloodworth, Chairman R. R. Gunn, Mrs. J. J. Wilkins, Mrs. J. W. Bailey. Also Miss Sarah Maret.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Gunn. Minutes of last two meetings were read and approved.

The name of the new Children's Librarian, Miss Irene Freeman was presented to the board for approval. The Director reported that Miss Freeman had been highly recommended by the State Department of Education. She also reported that since Miss Freeman had had no library training she would be required to take some in order that she would be qualified to receive state pay for her salary. It was voted by the board to allow Miss Freeman to take six weeks for training, but that the board could not pay its part of her salary during her training period.

Salary increases had been requested of the Director by three members of the staff. Board discussed these thoroughly. They were vetoed except in the case of one staff member. Mr. Cabiness moved and Mr. Wilson seconded a motion that the circulation assistant's salary be raised from .55c to .65 c per hour and that this raise be made retroactive to January 1st, 1950. It was pointed out that this staff member did not receive a raise in pay on Jan. 1st as the other staff members did. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman of the Finance Committee stated that he was under the impression that all members' salaries had been increased as of January 1st.

Attention was called to letters received by Chairman Gunn from U.S. Senators and Representative relative to the Library Demonstration Bill.

Director asked for regulations on sick leave for members of staff. It was pointed out that some sort of "Contract of Employment" was needed. Mr. Wilson moved and Mrs. Cabiness seconded a motion that such regulations be drawn up. Mr. Milner and Miss Maret were appointed to work on this contract.

Termites have been seen in the library. Mr. Milner moved that a committee be appointed to investigate extermination prices, etc. and that this committee be authorized to act upon this matter. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilson. Carried. A committee composed of Mr. Bloodworth and Mr. Weir was appointed to see about this matter.

Chairman asked for a report of the nominating committee, which was composed of Mrs. Wilkins, Chr., Mrs. Dudley and Mr. Wilson. Names presented were: Chairman, R. R. Gunn; Vice-Chr. W. W. Weir; Treasurer, Thomas Milner. Mr. Bloodworth moved the adoption of the committee's report, seconded by Mrs. Dudley. Officers were unanimously elected.

As there was no other business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah E. Maret
Scretary

August 31, 1950

The Athens Regional Library Board met at the Athens Library on Thursday Afternoon, August 31, 1950 at 5:00 P.M.

The following members were present:

From Athens-Clarke County: Mr. Billy Weir, Mr. Troutman Wilson, Mr. Richard Bloodworth, Mrs. T.H. McHatton, Mrs. J.W. Bailey, Mayor Jack Wells. Also Miss Sarah Maret.

From Oglethorpe County: Mr. and Mrs. E.O. Cabiness, Mr. Robert Brooks and Mrs. W.G. Calloway. No representative from Oconee County was present.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-chairman, Mr. Billy Weir.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The committee appointed to arrange for the treatment of the building for termites reported that the exterminator had treated the building and that no termites had been seen since the treatment.

Mrs. J.W. Bailey reported that she had secured a \$25.00 donation for the library from the J.C. Penny Co. through the Athens Womens Club. The board expressed thanks to Mrs. Bailey for her effort in getting this money for the library.

The matter of ratifying a salary increase of \$15.00 per month for the bookmobile driver was brought up. It was moved by Mr. Cabiness and seconded by Mr. Wilson that the salary of the bookmobile driver be set at \$150.00 per month and that this salary raise of \$15.00 be made effective on Sept 1st. Motion carried.

Social security for the members of the staff was discussed. A committee composed of Mr. Bloodworth and Mr. Milner was appointed to look into the matter and report to the group at the next board meeting.

A memorial for Mr. Bob Gunn was discussed. A committee composed Mr. Wilson, Mr. Bloodworth, Mrs. McHatton and Miss Maret was appointed to arrange for a satisfactory memorial to the memory of Mr. Gunn. This memorial was to be furnished by the members of the Library Board. A resolutions committee was appointed. This committee was composed of Mr. and Mrs. Cabiness, Mrs. McHatton and Mrs. Bailey. Mr. Bloodworth moved and Mr. Cabiness seconded a motion that the resolutions drawn up by this committee be adopted and (1) that they be published in the Athens Banner Herald (2) That a copy be sent to the immediate members of the family (3) That they be incorporated into the minutes of this meeting and (4) That a copy be mailed to each member of the Regional Library Board.

No other business, Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah E. Maret
Secretary

RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF

ROBERT R. GUNN

August 23, 1950

At twilight on August twenty third, our Heavenly Father sent his angel to bring to him one of his most faithful servants. What a fine compliment to feel that he was so ready, that no last long period of preparation was necessary. Though the dear ones who are left know the meaning and heart ache of having to face life now without his cheering presence, the sustaining faith that was his, will ever be with them, steadying them through their hours of loneliness.

Bob Gunn was not only a leader in the business world, where he was known always for his fairness and consideration, but in Community services he filled a place that will cause all of Athens to feel keenly his loss. Each Sunday found him at his post of duty with his large Sunday School class, which was taught not only by precept, but also by his example of unselfish service. If those who knew and loved Bob Gunn will now bear the torch of unselfish service that has passed from his hands, then will the highest tribute be given to this Christian citizen through living the principles for which he stood.

THEREFORE, Be it Resolved by the Athens Regional Library Board, that in loving memory of Robert R. Gunn, we enter this resolution upon the minutes of this Board, and that a copy be sent to the members of his family.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Emmett O. Cabaniss

Mrs. J.W. Bailey

Mrs. T.H. McHatton

Mrs. J.J. Wilkins

November 20, 1950

The Athens Regional Library Board met Monday afternoon, November 20, 1950 at 4:30 o'clock at the Regional Library.

Members present were: Mrs. John J. Wilkins, Jr., Mr. Billy Wier, Mr. Morton Hodgson, Mr. Richard Bloodworth, Mr. Abit Nix, Mrs. Frank Dudley and Mrs. J.W. Bailey. Also Miss Sarah Maret

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Billy Weir, Chairman.

Minutes were read and adopted.

A report of the committee chosen to investigate Social Security for the library staff was given. Mr. Nix reported that an enabling act would have to be passed by the state for state employees to participate in the plan. Mr. Bloodworth said that we definitely should try to get Social Security for the staff. Mr. Nix moved and Mr. Hodgson seconded that the committee working on the matter continue to do so and that the Library Board aid in the enactment of legislation to this end. Motion carried. It was pointed out that a fund should be set up in the budget to care for the library's share of expenditure when it is secured.

The Robert Gunn Memorial was discussed. It was suggested that any members of the board who had ideas about a suitable memorial report to the committee. Mr. Wilson is Chairman.

The matter of adding records to the record collection was discussed. It was moved by Mrs. Wilkins and seconded by Mr. Nix that the library be allowed to spend \$300.00 on records at this time. Motion carried. It was suggested that we ask Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall to work with Mrs. Wilkins and Miss Maret on the securing of records for the collection.

Grading improvements and grounds upkeep was discussed by Mrs. Wilkins. It was moved by Mrs. Dudley and seconded by Mr. Nix that the Garden and Grounds Committee be allowed to spend \$1500.00 on the grounds at this time. Motion carried.

The possibility of converting the furnace in the library from steam to natural gas was discussed. Mrs. Wilkins was appointed to find out the cost of this change and report at the next meeting of the board.

It was pointed out that the Dunbar Branch of the Regional Library was in need of a table and chairs for children and chairs for adults, better lighting facilities and more shelving. It was moved by Mr. Hodgson that a sum not exceeding \$500.00 be spent for this library. Motion seconded by Mr. Nix. Motion carried.

The Chairman appointed Mrs. Wilkins and Mrs. McHatton to consider and recommend new members to fill the vacancies on the board left by Mr. Gunn and Miss Woods and also to ask for the reappointment of the five members whose terms expire in Jan. 1951.

The Director recommended that the library be closed Thursday Nov. 23rd for Thanksgiving and Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 24th, 25th and 26th for Christmas. The Board approved this action.

It was moved by Mr. Nix and seconded by Mr. Hodgson that a salary supplement of \$10.00 be granted to full time workers and \$5.00 be given to branch workers for the month of December 1950. Motion carried.

The Chairman reported that he had investigated the cost of a door for the processing room. This door is to have glass panes. The cost of the door was \$34.25. It was moved by Mr. Bloodworth and seconded by Mr. Nix that the door be put in. Motion carried.

It was decided to put off the discussion of the budget until the next board meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Smith